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For : IMAGE READING DEVICE WITH THINNED PIXEL DATA

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 14, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on October 16, 2006 (October 14, 2006 being a Saturday), Applicant submits the remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this Reply.